

REMARKS

Upon review of the Amendment filed December 9, 2011, Applicant noticed that a word was inadvertently left out in one of the paragraphs in the Remark section. Therefore, by this Supplemental Communication, Applicant is replacing the relevant paragraph so as to include the missing word "not", which is emphasized in the below paragraph. Therefore replace the paragraph beginning on Page 27, line 10 in the Remarks filed on December 9, 2011, with the following paragraph:

--"Applicant's invention is solely contained within one of a plurality of individual single medical devices providing voice prompts for each device, according to each device's function. Applicant's invention is preprogrammed with voice, per the governmental guidelines, prior to receipt by the user. On the other hand, Mault only uses a known voice method as one of many ways of providing user interaction and only when the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) has voice capabilities. Mault teaches the familiar method of voice generation, in which the user must record their own voice, using the known voice recording/recognition/generation method, obviously impractical in many medical scenarios, showing a need for improvement due to inconsistencies. Also, it should be noted; Mault's PDA/monitor module system does not require any specific method for user interaction for its function, as Mault does **not** teach voice as being required for the function of Mault's invention as Mault states: "*any suitable method for patient interaction is acceptable to provide the function of the PDA*" (See Mault Col. 24, ll. 64-67). Thus, making voice a method that could be eliminated completely under Mault's own teachings. Also, Mault solely requires verbal input by the patient before Mault's device will even work to provide verbal function for Mault's invention, thus, making Mault's PDAs/module system non operational without patient assistance. It is known by one skilled in the art, that voice generation existed as a function of selected PDAs prior to Mault. Mault's device cannot provide verbal messages or even function on its own without patient assistance. See Mault Col 6, ll. 64-65 "*For example, a particular user may specify that they will walk or run a certain number of times and for a certain distance each week.*" and Col 7, ll. 10-11 "*The user may then insert the appropriate* In re application of: Terry Keith Bryant Serial No.: 10/767,396 Page 28 *module into the PDA*".

Applicant requires no user input, i.e. verbal or manual, to be provided by Applicant's user, in order for Applicant's medical device to function, or provide voice. Applicant's device is ready for use and fully programmed with full voice capabilities prior to receipt by the user. Mault requires the user to provide voice generation, recognition and recording in order to constitute all voice instructions and also requires the user to attach and calibrate Mault's device for operation of Mault's PDA/monitor module system. These are difficult tasks for an ill person. It is unarguable, that Applicant's invention is a true completely self-sufficient, self-operating talking medical device, requiring no patient/user voice input, or calibration, or patient assistance or participation to function on its own. Mault and Applicant are different inventions. Obviously, Mault is not a true self-sufficient, self operating, talking medical device, as it does not provide a new or novel voice and relies on assistance to function as PDA voice is not new or novel."--.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable action. Any additional fees, including extensions of time not previously paid for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 503180.

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